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Was local politics ever so quiet only a twelve month before election? No one has even whispered that they would like to be senator from Orleans county and town representative candidates have not declared their desires. The Monitor predicts that those who desire to hold these responsible public trusts will more than ever find it necessary to make public their stand on questions of the hour.

If newspaper comment and the casual remarks of most people whom you meet count for anything, Charles A. Prouty can be Vermont's next United States senator if he wants it. And we hope he wants it. It will make little difference on what ticket he runs. C. A. Prouty qualifies, that's all. He is Progressive enough for the Progressives, Republican enough for the Republicans and we would not be surprised if he was Democratic enough for many Democratic voters.

Sentiment appears to be growing in favor of the appointment to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Judge Rowell of the supreme court, the next in succession on the bench, Loveland Munson, and filling the vacant chair in this court in regular order by giving Judge Miles a place on that bench and leaving Judge Waterman as chief of the superior judges. There are plenty of good men who want and will take the vacancy caused on the superior bench.

The Monitor wishes to give credit to one small village which has made a move for better fire protection. A business man in Westfield has placed a hydrant centrally in the town. This is better than nothing whatever and if plenty of hose is kept and some kind of an organization maintained something might be done to check a fire. Hundreds of small villages in Vermont are almost criminally neglectful of fire protection and when Vulcan turns loose his wrath upon these hamlets only smoldering ruins remain.

In the sudden death of Mayor Gaynor of New York the country loses a resolute character much loved by his friends and much hated by his enemies. He was born a poor boy on a farm and fought his way to the top, an example for the American youth to follow. Mayor Gaynor held an office which some declare to be the most trying public position in the world, directing, as the mayor of greater New York, the details of a local government in which five millions of people are demanding justice.

Dispatches from Maine during the congressional fight there found their way into some Vermont dailies stating that Charles H. Thompson of this state who was campaigning for the Progressives there said Governor Fletcher was about to go over to the Progressives. It caused quite a stir for a few days but as soon as Thompson read the dispatch he denied such a statement and the only thing he said that could possibly be construed in such a manner was a remark to the effect that Governor Fletcher was giving the state a remarkably progressive administration.

Every recurring test of the strength of the Progressive party establishes more firmly the fact that Roosevelt was a strong man with the people in the presidential election last fall, and Taft a weak candidate. Maine's election established this point and incidentally shows that the Progressive party as a party has little strength as yet, while the Republican party as a party is still strong. Eliminate Roosevelt in the Progressive party and the strength of the party dwindles. Eliminate Taft and a few other leaders in the Republican party, who have found disfavor with the people and the party's strength is practically normal.

The Wilmington Times in a column article attacks George C. Wright of Westminster on the ground that he has been receiving pay from the New England Telephone company while a representative in the Vermont legislature. The Bennington Banner comes to the defense of Wright with the statement that Wright has for years been employed in this same manner by the same company, that the people of Westminster knew it and twice elected him their representative. It also adds that few towns have been better represented, and asks if it is corrupt for a man to continue his business or profession after being elected a town representative even if his employment is with a corporation. Wright will be recognized as the fellow who spent considerable time and traveled a good

many miles in Orleans county last spring, soothing, pacifying and smoothing irritated telephone subscribers after the rates were raised, and he's a star at the job.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Amen.

Said a Republican to a Progressive, "You'll find the Republican party three years hence so organized as to be free from the accusation of being controlled by the interests." Said the Progressive, "If that occurs, then amen to the Progressives." Said the Republican, if it doesn't occur, then amen to the Republicans." We believe this represents the situation exactly.—Randolph Herald and News.

A Rather Poor Guesser.

Charles H. Thompson, master of the Progressive party machine of Vermont, who went into the third Maine district to campaign, in a special dispatch to the Burlington News dated Friday said:—"Indications point toward very close election Monday with Republican party running third." Mr. Thompson proved to be a very poor prophet which is not the first time his predictions have gone astray. He had the Progressives running strong in Michigan last spring until the returns came in.—Randolph Herald and News.

A Solar Plexus Blow.

The Windham County Bar association has endorsed Judge Loveland Munson of Manchester for the position of the chief justice of the Vermont supreme court. This is another answer to the reported declaration that all of the counties of the state save one favored John W. Redmond for the position. The home judgment of the Newport Express and Standard that "A man of Mr. Redmond's temperament, no matter what his capabilities, is not fit to be judge" was something like a solar plexus blow.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Opposition to Redmond.

Considerable opposition has developed to the possible appointment of John W. Redmond as chief justice of the supreme court bench in Vermont, and, curiously enough, much of the opposition comes from Mr. Redmond's own territory in northern Vermont. For instance the Newport Express and Standard remarks: "A man of Mr. Redmond's temperament, no matter what his capabilities, is not fit to be judge." This is evidence which Governor Fletcher doubtless will take into consideration in selecting a member to the bench to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Justice Rowell and other possible advancement of the members of the bench, thus leaving a vacancy in the last position. The evidence, too, is backed up by much opinion of similar sort throughout the entire state, although Mr. Redmond is recognized as an able man, as far as mentality and knowledge of the law are concerned.—Barre Times.

Did You Know It?

Open your eyes and look up and about you and under your very feet. Stop squinting through the wrong end of the telescope at our green hills and their products and seeing things far smaller than they really are. You may be astonished to discover in how many ways Vermont is the biggest state on the map of the Union.

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Vermont is the biggest state in its Morgan horses.

Vermont is the biggest state in its pro rata dairy interests.
Vermont is the biggest state in its average per acre of corn production.

Vermont because of its peculiar soil, climate and location is the biggest state in its possibilities of profitable apple culture.

This summary shows how many things have been done and can be done here already on a large and successful scale.—Burlington Free Press.

Senatorial Gossip.

The question of who will be Senator William P. Dillingham's successor leads the St. Albans Messenger to comment on the fact that Vermont's next senator will have to be elected by the people, the power of election by the legislature having been taken away by an amendment to the federal constitution. By some it is thought that this would weaken the senator's chance of succeeding himself in case he were opposed. This would be true if Mr. Dillingham has lost his touch with the people. On the other hand, if his course in congress has been such as to appeal to the popular fancy, he will not suffer from the change in the election law.

Something has been said as to who Senator Dillingham's opponents might be. There is a feeling of expectancy in some quarters that Gov. Fletcher will not be adverse to serving the state at the national capitol. The governor has not announced himself as a candidate, nor is it known that he has announced that he would not be in the field. The impression is that he has been testing the ice and is now playing a waiting game ready to take advantage of circumstances if they appear to be shaping themselves in his favor. It is thought that the candidacy of one man, with whom the governor had to contend in a former campaign for nomination, would have the effect of driving him into the open, but that man has not signified any intention of entering the lists.

The name of Charles A. Prouty, at present a member of the interstate commerce commission, has been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate against Senator Dillingham. It is certain that Mr. Prouty would have many supporters were he to run against any man in the state, irrespective of who or what he was. Mr. Prouty is admittedly one of the big men of the country. He has been doing things in a big way for many years. One does not have to swear allegiance to any individual to say that were the people to determine on a change they would make no mistake in turning to Mr. Prouty.—Brattleboro Reformer.

STATE NEWS.

Endorsed Munson and Miles.

The Windham county bar association at a meeting with 25 members present unanimously endorsed Justice Loveland Munson of Manchester for chief justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Justice John W. Rowell and the elevation of Chief Judge W. W. Miles of the superior court to the supreme court bench.

Italian Laborer Murdered.

"Jumbo," an Italian laborer known only by this nickname, and a workman in the construction gang employed on the dam being built by the Burlington Light and Power company at Essex Junction, was shot and killed last evening, it is alleged by "Benny" Mazello, a derrick foreman. Three bullet wounds were found in the body. Mazello and two other Italians were arrested by Sheriff James H. Allen, Constable H. C. Gates and Officer David Demag and placed in the county jail in Burlington. The shooting occurred near the works and was done, it is supposed, in self-defense. The dead man having been discharged several days ago for intoxication, since which time he has haunted the foreman with threats against his life, according to reports.

State Convention of the W. C. T. U.

The annual state convention will be held in Burlington, October 7-9. Special features of interest will be the national speaker, Mrs. Mary Wilson of Philadelphia. A debate, "Resolved that Prohibition is a Better Temperance Measure than Option." The affirmative side will be taken by Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont. The speaker on the negative side is to be announced later.

There will be a matrons' gold medal contest. Other subjects to be given special prominence will be "Work for the Young People," "The Importance of Temperance Work," and "Moral Education," addresses to be given by Miss Lillian Rember, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Annette W. Parmelee, Enosburg Falls and Mrs. W. H. H. Avery, Middletown Springs.

Mastadon Lived in Vermont.

The skeleton of a mastadon is now being dug up on a farm in Farmington, Ct. The Hartford Courant says that the skeleton of a mastadon of one of these prehistoric animals has been found east of the Hudson river.

In this connection it is of interest to recall that the task of a fossil elephant was found about 30 years ago in a muck bed, about five feet below the surface, on the farm of D. S. Pratt of Brattleboro. The task which was taken out in a good state of preservation was 48 inches long, 18 inches in circumference at one end and eleven inches in circumference at the smaller end. Bones of one of these elephants were unearthed in Mount Holly in 1848 by workmen engaged in building the railroad from Bellows Falls to Rutland. The Mount Holly skeleton was also in a muck bed, eleven feet below the surface, and at an elevation of 1415 feet above the sea. The workmen carried away many of the bones but the most perfect task was secured by Prof. Zadock Thompson and is now in the collection of curious specimens in the state house in Montpelier. This task is 80 inches long and four inches in diameter. Prof. Agassiz of Harvard secured a molar tooth of the Mount Holly skeleton. This tooth weighed eight pounds and presented a grinding surface eight by four inches. A plaster cast of the tooth is on exhibition with the task at Montpelier.

Vermont in the National Magazine.

The September number of the National Magazine is surely a number to make some readers sit up and take notice and those of us who are natives or residents of Vermont to feel doubly proud of our good old Green Mountain state.

This number of the magazine is a Vermont number, and careful reading will inform a great many that Vermont is not altogether the back number many people think her to be. This issue is clothed with a handsome three-color cover, setting forth a very good likeness of Ethan Allen or some other sturdy patriot of colonial times with a particularly good background of field, stream and rugged hill.

With descriptive articles and plentiful illustrations of her wonderful natural scenery together with views from a number of representative towns and industrial plants from every part of the state, we feel that Vermont is second to none in her showing of mechanical as well as agricultural lines. Among the leading industrial plants shown are those of the Connecticut River Power company at South Vernon, the Estey Organ company's plant at Brattleboro, the Fairbanks Scale company at St. Johnsbury, the Windermere Machine company at Windsor, one of the three plants of the Prouty-Miller Lumber company at Newport, the Robin Hood Ammunition company's plant at Swanton, the Howe Scale works at Rutland, occupying nearly 17 acres, and last but by far not the least our own Jones & Lamson Machine shops together with a picture of the village square and dam at the Falls bridge, a birdseye view of Bellows Falls and the Main streets of a number of the more important cities all over the state and splendid views of quarry workings in different stages of that line.

The picturesque villages, nestling at the foot of the Vermont hills are surely worth going far to see, and when one considers the natural good roads of our state, all those who can do so, will do well to take advantage of every opportunity to see as much as possible of our wonderful lakes, drives, mountains and farmlands and make himself familiar with as much as possible of the history of the state, for where there is more to interest the inquiring mind than right here within the borders of our own Green Mountain state?

Vermont Notes.

Enosburg Falls has been without street lights for two weeks, with hardly enough water power to keep the house lights going.

The citizens of Vergennes are burning kerosene lamps, water being so low the electric light plant has been obliged to shut down.

HOW PREVENT ANARCHY

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four languages while the boy from the red schoolhouse may never learn to use his native language correctly and acquires so small a vocabulary that he takes up profanity as a method of expression—not knowing what to say—he swears! When the name of the Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth, Giver of All Good, is degraded into a conversational stop-gap, or is used to emphasize statements made in a horse-trade or stories concerning the size of fish—when that name is so used you have the beginnings of anarchy right at home.

When you talk of excluding the foreigner, you are wasting words. Much of the best that is in America today comes from the mingling of elements that we who are just outside the current for a time call foreign. His exclusion being impossible, his presence being necessary, what remains for us to do here in Vermont?

The first suggestion I have to make has reference to our system of popular education. The fact is that in Vermont there is one weakness which affects the whole public school system; as long as it is present many efforts at improvement are like attempts to drive spiles into a quicksand. I refer to the fact that we have no educational test of applicants for the privilege of voting at our election; that a man who can vote for a candidate for governor whether he can read the candidate's name in plain print or not, can vote, whether or not he can write his own name! In this matter we are nearly sixty years behind the times; and the weakness is vital. Just as long as you have a considerable number of the electorate who are without even the rudiments of a common school education, you will have a number almost equally as large who will oppose well nigh every effort for the betterment of the educational system of the state. We gladly recognize among the illiterate voters some who cheerfully do all in their power to give their children, or even the children of other people, an opportunity better than has been their own. These few illiterate voters are not the mass. That mass is a dead weight and until it is removed we must lag behind.

Common sense will indicate that the exercise of the suffrage cannot be taken from those already possessing it. If, however, provision is made that after a certain date—a few years in the future, an educational test must be applied to all who seek registration as voters, a step will have been taken toward real reform and until it is taken no satisfactory reform will ever be possible!

So much for the subject of education in the schools. The most important phase of education, with relation to the prevention of the spread of anarchy, has its place in the home. There is something that the school, without the home, can never really teach. The deepest need in American life is a sense of obedience to law—obedience not because it is pleasant, but because it is right. That sense of necessity can be taught nowhere else as in the home.

You cannot, in the home, sympathize constantly with the child in his revolt against the proper authority of the teacher, in schoolroom and schoolyard; you cannot relate constantly in his hearing, stories of your own infractions of school rules in youthful days.

(stories which have probably grown like snowballs as they have rolled down the pathway of the years); you cannot do these things and not plant, in the child's life, seeds of anarchy. All the crackcracks with which you may allow him to burn his fingers and disturb your neighbors on the Glorious Fourth, can never make the account square.

You cannot teach the child, either by word or example, that obedience to law is a matter of taste and convenience, and then hope that the seed of anarchy will not take root. Teach him that the game laws are only to be kept when their infringement is likely to be punished, but that the law against the sale of oleomargarine for butter is sacred, and you are nourishing a very promising plant of anarchy.

If anarchistic feelings and sentiments are to be overcome there must be sympathy, recognition on the part of classes in the community of the rights and the aims of other classes.

The trades union denounces the capitalist and then capitalizes arson and dynamiting, the farmer denounces trusts and then tries to organize a trust of his own. The fact is that no class of producers in this country can, if they possess a grain of the sense of humor, call the others selfish. With regard to that fault they are all, as yet, "unco weak and little to be trusted." As long as this is so; as long as each one is insisting on his own particular benefits without regard to the rest he is as selfish as any of the others.

Anarchy is best avoided when a large portion of the community has sympathy with other portions that are differently employed. When we truly realize that neither manufacturer nor farmer, neither exporter nor importer can suffer seriously without the entire community suffering with him, we will have done much to prevent anarchy.

I name these, as guards against the spread of anarchistic sentiments.

(1) Education in home and school, and behind the education of the school the support of an electorate which itself has the rudiments of education.

(2) Personal obedience to law, not as a matter of taste, but as one of righteousness.

(3) Breadth of view and sympathy of class with class.

How are these great blessings to be obtained? That is the question of a life time, and calls for personal solution by each one of us.

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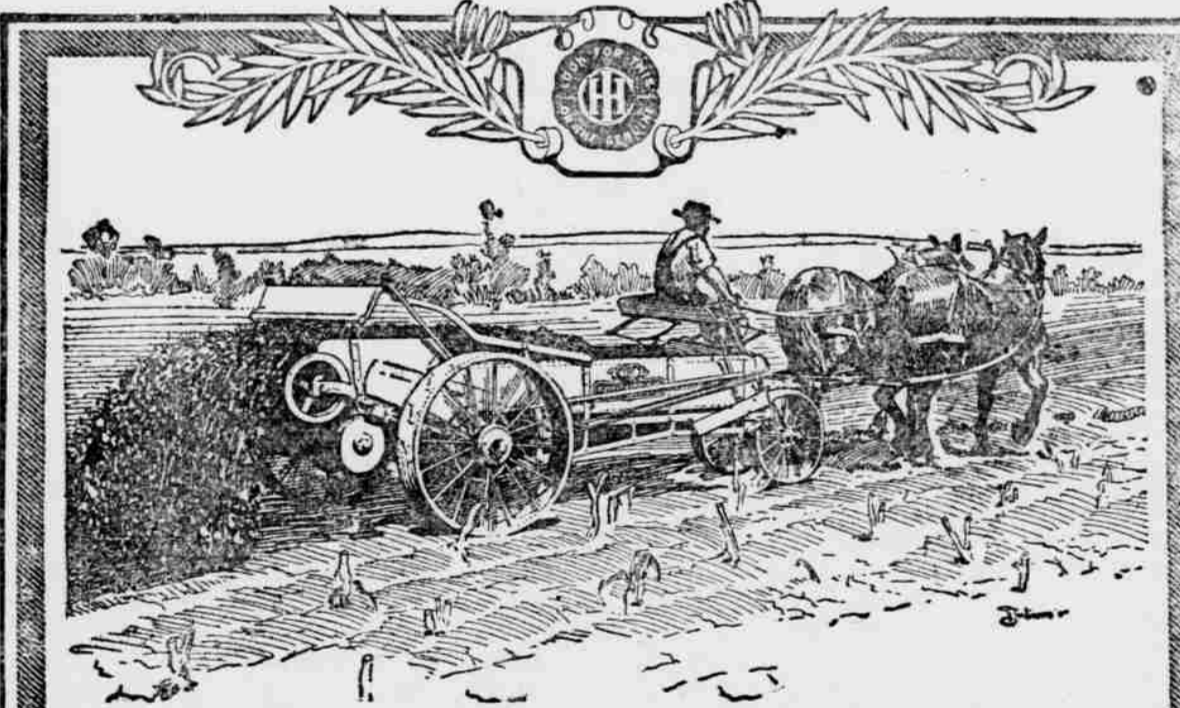
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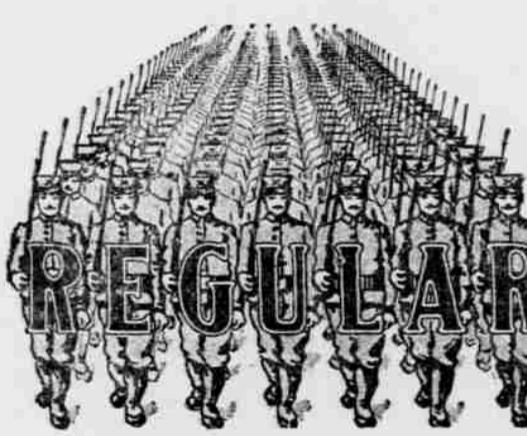
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